

[Mr. V. J. Oommen.]

will the Government be pleased to state the names of Forest Officers who have been recommended for punishment by the Conservator of Forests for not paying greater attention to the detection of such offences from 1101 to 1103 M. E.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The case of one officer has been reported to the Government. The question is under consideration and the Government do not consider it fair to disclose his name at this stage.

Mahomedans qualified for Sirkar Vakils' places.

343. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that there are Mahomedans who have got the necessary qualifications to be appointed as Sirkar Vakils?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they have received any applications from Mahomedans for the posts of Sirkar Vakils?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) One application has been received.

Toll collected from the Kuzhittura and Aramboly Tollgates in 1104.

344. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the toll collected in 1104 from the Kuzhittura and Aramboly tollgates on the M. S. road and the amount spent for the maintenance of the said road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

	Rs.
Receipts in 1104 from the tollgate at Kuzhittura	... 95,000
Do. Aramboly	... 32,605
Expenditure on maintenance of the M. S. road during 1104	... 62,117 (approximately).

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why these tollgates are maintained on the M. S. Road.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): So that the collections therefrom might go to some extent towards the costly maintenance of the road.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether it is on a speculative policy that these tollgates are maintained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no speculation at all in the matter.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): From the statement given, I understand that about Rs. 62,600 are being spent on this road; may I know from the member, what is the necessity for collecting additional money for the maintenance of these roads?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Every year, we have to increase the maintenance grant. The maintenance grant now sanctioned is not final. Even now, Government have a

proposal to increase the maintenance grant. Special repairs are also often necessary.

*Outlet to the sewage water from the General Hospital,
Trivandrum.*

345. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware that the sewage water from the General Hospital, Trivandrum, is allowed to flow out of the Hospital premises through a lane and contaminate the neighbourhood ;

(b) whether this matter has at any time before this been brought to their notice ;

(c) whether they or the Medical Department have considered the question of putting an end to this nuisance; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken to that end ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (a) and (b) The General Hospital drains empty themselves in the adjoining fields and this fact has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Trivandrum Municipal President.

(c) and (d) The construction of a septic tank for the disposal of the sewage water has been suggested by the Trivandrum Municipal Council and this is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : With reference to the answers to parts (c) and (d), may I know when the suggestion was made ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The first report was on 12-12-1103.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know, how long will it take for the septic tank being completed ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say. The matter is under correspondence.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Are the Government aware that, on account of this sewage water, the General Hospital, which is meant to be an institution for healing sickness, is causing sickness to a large number of people in the neighbourhood ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That can be imagined.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I make the statement on my own responsibility. Are the Government aware of the fact that the whole neighbourhood of the General Hospital is suffering from frequent attacks of fever of all kinds on account of this sewage water being let out and allowed to contaminate the vicinity of the hospital ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government arrange for the removal of the sewage till the tank is completed ?